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January 18, 1981

Dear Shri Bose,

I have your letter of the 11th January regarding Netaji's ashes. I am glad you clarified the matter.

The dates you mention - 27th to 29th January - are part of our Republic Day celebrations when I have to remain in Delhi because of official functions.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Indira Gandhi)

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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We forward herewith in original a letter dated 16.1.1982 addressed to the Prime Minister by the I.N.A. Association of West Bengal. It protests against a report move "to bring the so-called ashes of Netaji Bose from Rankoji Temple in Japan"; it does not say who has initiated the move.

2. It is assured that Government will not get involved in any needlessly controversial action. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly send a suitable reply to the INA Association.

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(N.S. Greeraman)
Deputy Secretary
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Captain B.K. Sarkar, Chairman, I.N.A. Association,

West Bengal, writes that there is a move to bring the
so called ashes of Netaji from Rankoji Temple in Japan.
He says that there is no conclusive proof of the death
of Netaji or the cremation of his body. He strongly
protests against the bringing of the ashes and requests
the Government to stop any such move.

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To
Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Madam,

Ref: Bringing of so called ashes of Netaji.

Jai Hind. The undersigned and the members of I.N.A. Association West Bengal are shocked to note that a move is under way to bring the so called ashes of Netaji from Rankoji Temple in Japan. Those who are eager to bring these ashes, are probably having their love for Netaji misdirected. But we are unable to understand why your goodself is not stopping such move. Ever since we heard of his death announcement from Tokyo many of us tried hard to get into the truth behind such announcement. Till to day we did not get any proof of his death by a plane crash at Taihoka aerodrome. Late Sri Suresh Bose who was a member of Netaji Enquiry Commission strongly disagreed to the findings of other members of the Commission. To this effect your honourable father Late Jawharlal Nehru could not give precise and direct proof of his death to Sri Suresh Bose in a letter dated 13.5.1962. Again Mr. Morarje Desai said in the parliament that he did not have any, conclusive proof of his death either. He rejected both the Commission's report.

Just because Netaji Enquiry Commission could not obtain any conclusive proof of his death Khosla Commission was set up. It also failed to bring out any truth of his death. Khosla Commission's report was never published. In fact Sri G.D.Khosla offered unqualified appology to Sri Dwigen Bose in the open court in Calcutta before the Metropolitan Magistrate.

Before cremation of a dead body a medical death certificate has to be produced. Your honour knows fully well that there was no Death Certificate in Record at the Crematorium in Taihokku. On record there was no cremation of any dead body at the crematorium between 18th and 22nd August, 1945 except that of a 29 years old Japanese named Ochiro Okura. Further some of the British intelligence reports concerning Netaji's disappearance are in our National Secret Archives. I may recall Mac Arther's statement that Netaji disappeared from right under his nose.

Further General Bhonsle requested the Japanese Government to send the dead body of Netaji to INA Head Quarters at Singapore. He was informed on 22nd August, 1945 that the body was too big for a coffin and also for a plane to carry. No one would believe that a big coffin could not be made and that would not fit in a plane.

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Netaji's body was said to have been cremated before 22nd August, Yet Japanese Government said that the body could not be sent. This confirms the fact that there was no cremation of the so called dead body of Netaji.

The crucial questions that demand answers are as hereunder :-

1. Who identified the dead body ?
2. Where exactly was any such purported dead body cremated ?
3. Who were the witnesses if any ?
4. Who brought the ashes to Renkoji Temple and from where ?
5. Where is the death certificate ?
6. What was the report of the American Scientist on the analysis of the ashes ?

Madam you have been forewarning a war in the near future. If it is true we need national unity at all cost. Notwithstanding dangers of war no one will encourage a national uprising. We foresee dangers of strong protest and unrest against bringing the so called ashes of Netaji. You will not certainly overlook their high regard and adoration for Netaji who with his Indian National Army fought the last War of Independance against the British. We strongly protest to the move of bringing the ashes from Renkoji Temple. It will be a disgrace to the nation to accept the ashes as purported which, we are certain, the country will not tolerate. We plead to you on behalf of the National unity to stop all such move. We have informed the press Jai Hind.

I am in Nation Service.

(Captain B.K.Sarkar INA)

Chairman

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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

New Delhi, the 11th February, 1982

To

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Captain B.K. Sarkar INA,
Chairman,
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17/3/5, Chawringhee Road,
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Sub: Bringing of so-called ashes of Netaji.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. INA/WB/NBC/82/327 dated 16.1.1982 on the above noted subject addressed to the Prime Minister and to say that Government are not aware of any move to bring the ashes of Netaji to India from Japan.

Yours faithfully,

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BY

M.P. Khosla)
Director (IS)

Copy for information to:-

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P.M.'s Office, N. Delhi (Shri N.S. Sreeraman; Deputy Secretary) with reference to their U.O. No. PMS 2760 dated 27.1.82.

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Shrimati Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister
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Dear Shrimati Gandhi,

in Bombay

I was most surprised to receive a letter from my uncle, enclosing copy of the letter he had written to you on 8 January 1982 regarding an alleged move to bring Netaji's ashes to India. A large Japanese fraternal delegation headed by General Fujiwara, who I think is a genuine and loyal friend of India, is coming to attend the Fourth International Netaji Seminar here from 23 to 29 January. Our Japanese friends have not told us that they are contemplating bringing the ashes over to India. I think the report is a canard and is motivated. I am writing to my uncle accordingly.

Not possible

This gives me another opportunity to request you most earnestly to visit Calcutta for half a day on the 27th or 28th or 29th January and address a special session of the International Seminar. We have involved people of all walks of life, viz., academicians, professionals, scientists, industrialists, bankers, teachers, students etc in the Seminar. In the academic programme, prestigious national institutions like Ramakrishna Mission, Visva-Bharati, Bose Institute, etc will be participating. Your address will go a long way in consolidating the national platform at this juncture.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sisir K. Bose
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